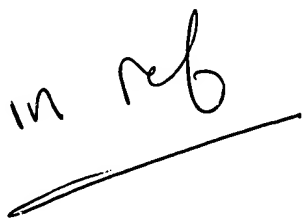


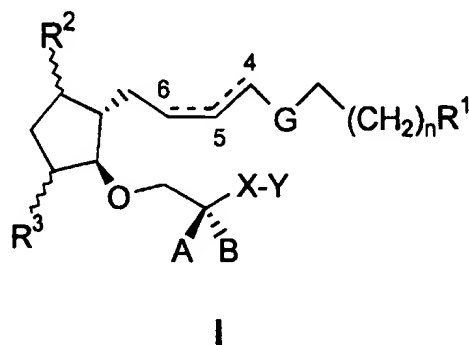


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<b>(54) Title:</b> 13-OXA PROSTAGLANDINS FOR THE TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA AND OCULAR HYPERTENSION		
<b>(57) Abstract</b>  13-Oxa analogs of certain prostaglandins and methods of their use in treating glaucoma and ocular hypertension are disclosed.		

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of treating glaucoma or ocular hypertension in a patient, which comprises administering to the patient a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



wherein:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ ,  $CONR^4R^5$ ,  $CH_2OR^6$ , or  $CH_2NR^7R^8$ ; where:

$R = H$  or cationic salt moiety, or  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$R^4, R^5 = \text{same or different} = H$  or alkyl;  $R^6 = H$ , acyl, or alkyl;

$R^7, R^8 = \text{same or different} = H$ , acyl, or alkyl; with the proviso that if one of  $R^7$ ,

$R^8 = \text{acyl}$ , then the other  $= H$  or alkyl;

$n = 0$  or  $2$ ;

$G = CH_2$  or  $O$ ;

$R^2, R^3 = \text{same or different} = OH$ , acyloxy, alkoxy, carbonyl, halogen,  $H$ , with the proviso that at least one of  $R^2, R^3 = OH$ , acyloxy, alkoxy, or carbonyl;

---- = single or non-cumulated double bond;

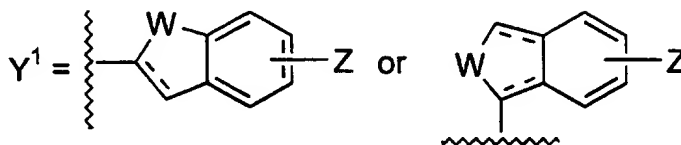
one of A, B = H, the other = halo, OH, acyloxy, alkoxy;

or A-B = O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O or double bonded O;

X = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>O; where q = 1-6; and

Y = a phenyl ring optionally substituted with alkyl, halo, trihalomethyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; or

X-Y = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>Y<sup>1</sup>; where p = 0-6; and



wherein:

W = CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S(O)<sub>m</sub>, NR<sup>9</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, CH=CH, CH<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>S(O)<sub>m</sub>, CH=N,  
or CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>9</sup>; where m = 0-2, and R<sup>9</sup> = H, alkyl, or acyl;

Z = H, alkyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, halo, trihalomethyl, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; and

---- = single or double bond, or

X-Y = cyclohexyl or cyclopentyl.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is administered topically.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the compound is administered as a solution, suspension, or emulsion in an ophthalmically acceptable vehicle.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the concentration of the compounds is between about 0.00003 to about 0.5 weight percent.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the concentration of the compounds is between about 0.0005 to about 0.03 weight percent.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the concentration of the compounds is between about 0.005 to about 0.05 weight percent.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ , where  $R = H$  or  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$n = 0$ ;

$G = CH_2$ ;

$R^2 = R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration, or  $R^2 = O$  (as a carbonyl) and  $R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration or  $H$ ;

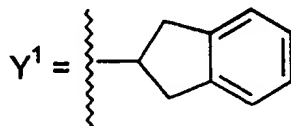
---- = single or non-cumulated double bond, with the proviso that a double bond between carbons 4 and 5 may not be of the *trans* configuration;

one of  $A, B = H$ , the other = halo or  $OH$ ;

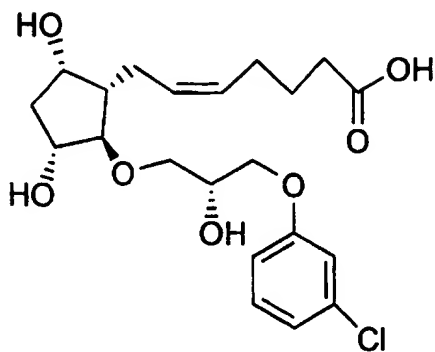
$X = (CH_2)_2$  or  $CH_2O$ ; and

$Y = \text{phenyl}$ , optionally substituted with halo or trihalomethyl; or

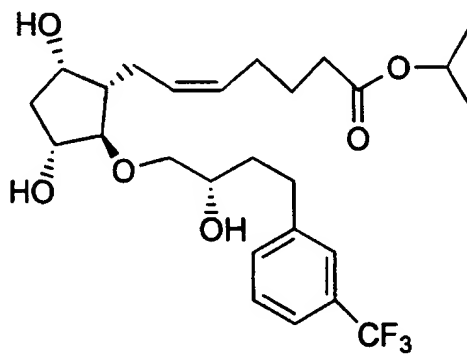
$X-Y = Y^1$ ; where



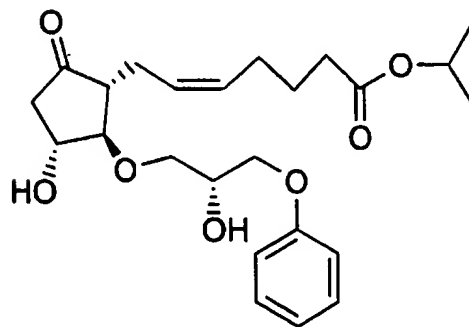
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the compound is:



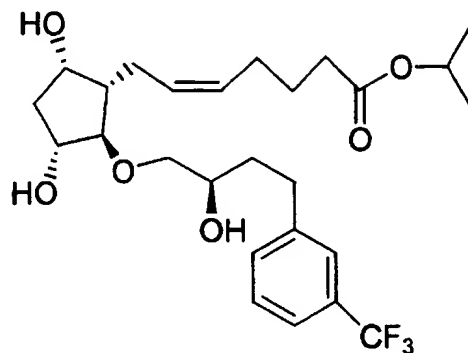
9. The method of claim 7, wherein the compound is:



10. The method of claim 7, wherein the compound is:



11. The method of claim 7, wherein the compound is:



12. The method of claim 1, wherein:

$R^1 = \text{CO}_2\text{R}$ , where  $\text{R} = \text{H}$  or alkyl;

$n = 0$ ;

$\text{G} = \text{O}$ ;

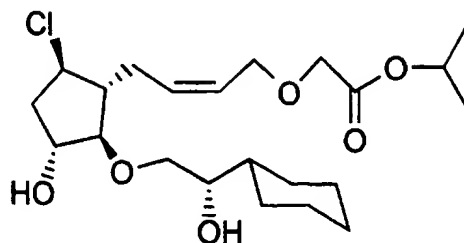
$\text{R}^2 = \text{Cl}$  in the  $\beta$  configuration, and  $\text{R}^3 = \text{OH}$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration;

---- = single or double bond, with the proviso that a single bond exists between carbons 4 and 5;

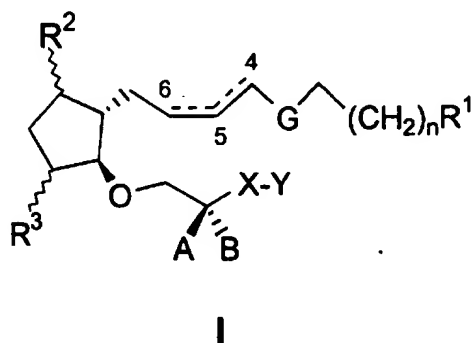
one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH;

X-Y = cyclohexyl.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the compound is:



14. A compound of formula I:



wherein:

$R^1 = \text{CO}_2\text{R}$ ,  $\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OR}^6$ , or  $\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$ ; where:

$\text{R} = \text{H}$  or cationic salt moiety, or  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$\text{R}^4, \text{R}^5 = \text{same or different} = \text{H or alkyl}$ ;  $\text{R}^6 = \text{H, acyl, or alkyl}$ ;

$\text{R}^7, \text{R}^8 = \text{same or different} = \text{H, acyl, or alkyl}$ ; with the proviso that if one of  $\text{R}^7$ ,

$\text{R}^8 = \text{acyl}$ , then the other =  $\text{H or alkyl}$ ;

$n = 0 \text{ or } 2$ ;

$\text{G} = \text{CH}_2 \text{ or } \text{O}$ ;



$R^2, R^3$  = same or different = OH, acyloxy, alkoxy, carbonyl, halogen, H, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^2, R^3$  = OH, acyloxy, alkoxy, or carbonyl;

---- = single or non-cumulated double bond;

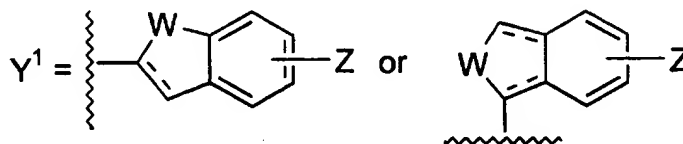
one of A, B = H, the other = halo, OH, acyloxy, alkoxy;

or A-B =  $O(CH_2)_2O$  or double bonded O;

$X = (CH_2)_q$  or  $(CH_2)_qO$ ; where  $q = 1-6$ ; and

Y = a phenyl ring optionally substituted with alkyl, halo, trihalomethyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; or

$X-Y = (CH_2)_pY^1$ ; where  $p = 0-6$ ; and



wherein:

$W = CH_2, O, S(O)_m, NR^9, CH_2CH_2, CH=CH, CH_2O, CH_2S(O)_m, CH=N,$   
or  $CH_2NR^9$ ; where  $m = 0-2$ , and  $R^9 = H, \text{alkyl, or acyl}$ ;

$Z = H, \text{alkyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, halo, trihalomethyl, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; and}$

---- = single or double bond; or

X-Y = cyclohexyl or cyclopentyl.

15. The compound of claim 14, wherein for formula I:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ , where  $R = H$  or  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$n = 0$ ;

$G = CH_2$ ;

$R^2 = R^3 = OH$  in the a configuration, or  $R^2 = O$  (as a carbonyl) and  $R^3 = OH$  in the a configuration or H;

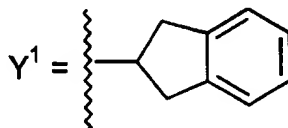
---- = single or non-cumulated double bond;

one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH;

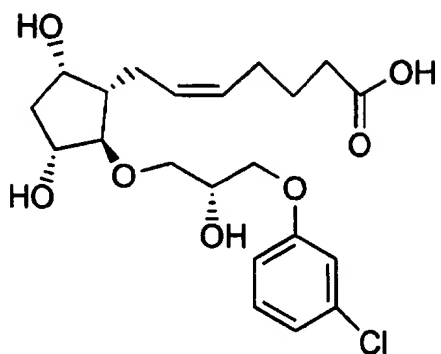
$X = (CH_2)_2$  or  $CH_2O$ ; and

Y = phenyl, optionally substituted with halo or trihalomethyl; or

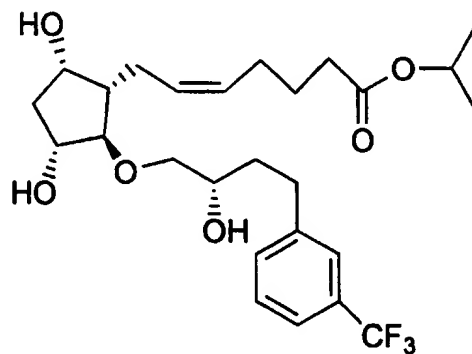
X-Y =  $Y^1$ ; where



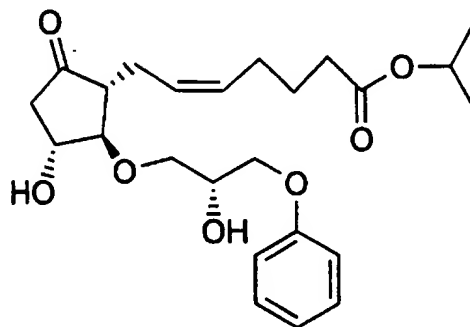
16. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:



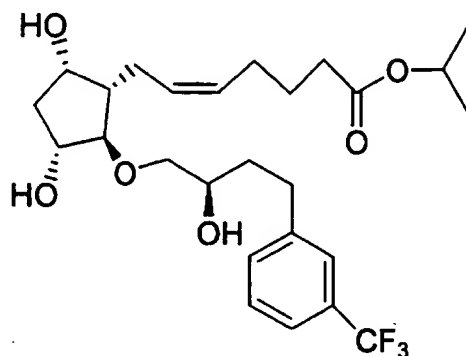
17. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:



18. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:



19. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:



20. The compound of claim 14, wherein for formula I:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ , where  $R = H$  or alkyl  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$n = 0$ ;

$G = O$ ;

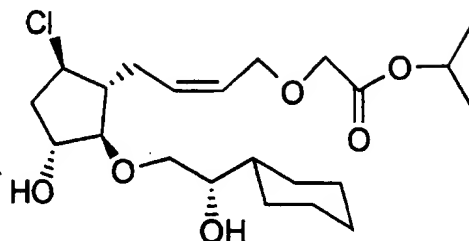
$R^2 = Cl$  in the  $\beta$  configuration, and  $R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration;

---- = single or double bond, with the proviso that a single bond exists between carbons 4 and 5;

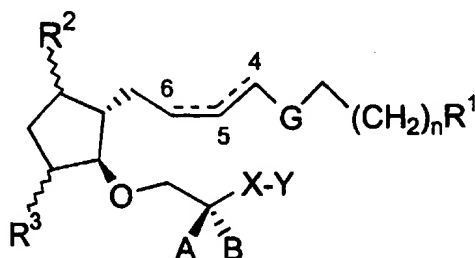
one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH;

X-Y = cyclohexyl.

21. The compound of claim 20, having the formula:



22. An ophthalmic composition for the treatment of glaucoma and ocular hypertension, comprising a compound of formula I:



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wherein:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ ,  $CONR^4R^5$ ,  $CH_2OR^6$ , or  $CH_2NR^7R^8$ ; where:

$R = H$  or cationic salt moiety, or  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$R^4, R^5 = \text{same or different} = H$  or alkyl;  $R^6 = H$ , acyl, or alkyl;

$R^7, R^8 = \text{same or different} = H$ , acyl, or alkyl; with the proviso that if one of  $R^7$ ,

$R^8 = \text{acyl}$ , then the other =  $H$  or alkyl;

$n = 0$  or  $2$ ;

$G = \text{CH}_2$  or  $\text{O}$ ;

$R^2, R^3 = \text{same or different} = \text{OH, acyloxy, alkoxy, carbonyl, halogen, H, with the proviso that at least one of } R^2, R^3 = \text{OH, acyloxy, alkoxy, or carbonyl}$ ;

---- = single or non-cumulated double bond;

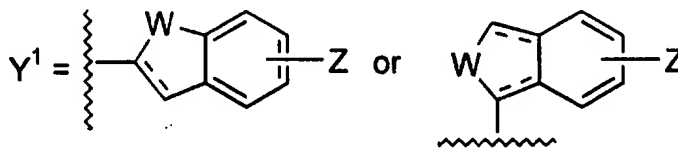
one of  $A, B = \text{H}$ , the other = halo, OH, acyloxy, alkoxy;

or  $A-B = \text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$  or double bonded  $\text{O}$ ;

$X = (\text{CH}_2)_q$  or  $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{O}$ ; where  $q = 1-6$ ; and

$Y = \text{a phenyl ring optionally substituted with alkyl, halo, trihalomethyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; or}$

$X-Y = (\text{CH}_2)_p Y^1$ ; where  $p = 0-6$ ; and



wherein:

$W = \text{CH}_2, \text{O}, \text{S}(\text{O})_m, \text{NR}^9, \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2, \text{CH}=\text{CH}, \text{CH}_2\text{O}, \text{CH}_2\text{S}(\text{O})_m, \text{CH}=\text{N},$   
or  $\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^9$ ; where  $m = 0-2$ , and  $R^9 = \text{H, alkyl, or acyl}$ ;

Z = H, alkyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, halo, trihalomethyl, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; and

---- = single or double bond; or

X-Y = cyclohexyl or cyclopentyl.

23. The composition of claim 22, wherein for formula I:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ , where R = H or alkyl;

n = 0;

G = CH<sub>2</sub>;

$R^2 = R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration, or  $R^2 = O$  (as a carbonyl) and  $R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration or H;

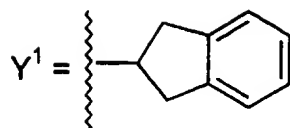
---- = single or non-cumulated double bond;

one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH;

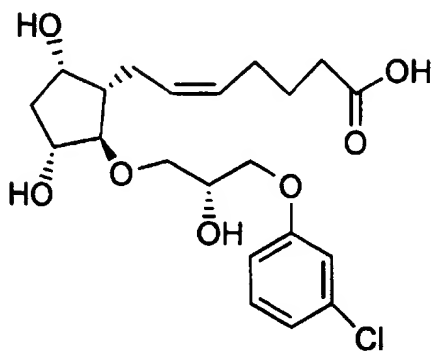
X = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>O; and

Y = phenyl, optionally substituted with halo or trihalomethyl; or

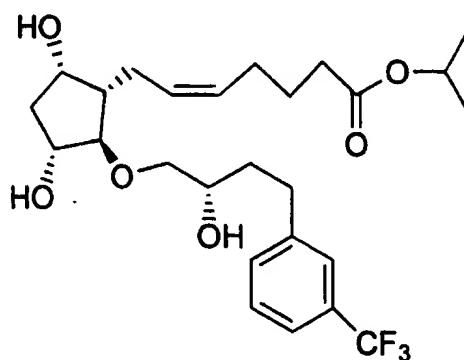
X-Y = Y<sup>1</sup>; where



24. The composition of claim 23, having the formula:

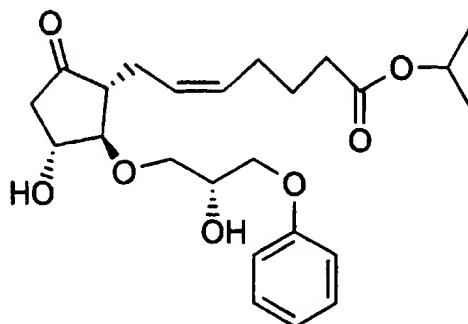


25. The composition of claim 23, having the formula:

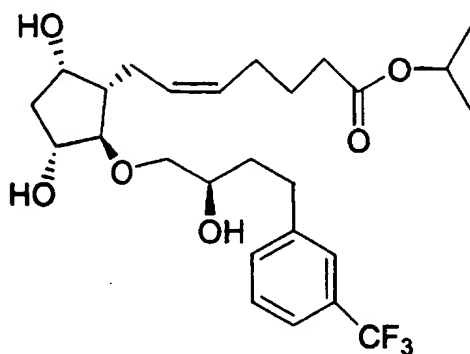




26. The composition of claim 23, having the following formula:



27. The composition of claim 23, having the following formula:



28. The composition of claim 22, wherein for formula I:

$R^1 = \text{CO}_2\text{R}$ , where  $\text{R} = \text{H}$  or  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$n = 0$ ;

$\text{G} = \text{O}$ ;

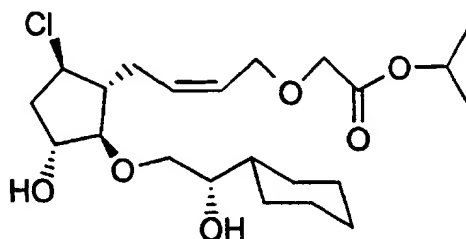
$\text{R}^2 = \text{Cl}$  in the  $\beta$  configuration, and  $\text{R}^3 = \text{OH}$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration;

---- = single or double bond, with the proviso that a single bond exists between carbons 4 and 5;

one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH; and

X-Y = cyclohexyl.

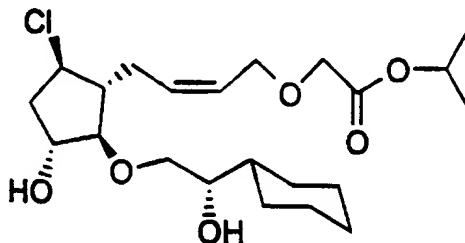
29. The composition of claim 28, having the following formula:



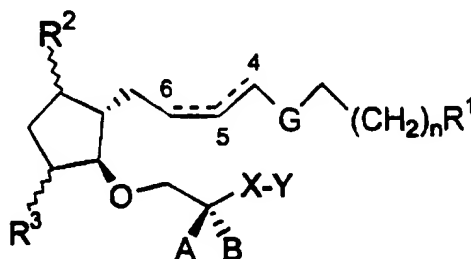
## AMENDED CLAIMS

[received by the International Bureau on 17 May 1999 (17.05.99);  
original claim 18 cancelled; original claims 14 and 15 amended;  
remaining claims unchanged (6 pages)]

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the compound is:



14. A compound of formula I:



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wherein:

$R^1 = \text{CO}_2\text{R}$ ,  $\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OR}^6$ , or  $\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$ ; where:

$\text{R} = \text{H}$  or cationic salt moiety, or  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$\text{R}^4, \text{R}^5 = \text{same or different} = \text{H or alkyl}$ ;  $\text{R}^6 = \text{H, acyl, or alkyl}$ ;

$\text{R}^7, \text{R}^8 = \text{same or different} = \text{H, acyl, or alkyl}$ ; with the proviso that if one of  $\text{R}^7$ ,

$\text{R}^8 = \text{acyl}$ , then the other =  $\text{H or alkyl}$ ;

$n = 0 \text{ or } 2$ ;

$\text{G} = \text{CH}_2 \text{ or } \text{O}$ ;

$\text{R}^2, \text{R}^3 = \text{same or different} = \text{OH, acyloxy, alkoxy, carbonyl, halogen, H}$ , with the proviso that at least one of  $\text{R}^2, \text{R}^3 = \text{OH, acyloxy, alkoxy, or carbonyl}$ ;

$\text{—} = \text{single or non-cumulated double bond}$ ;

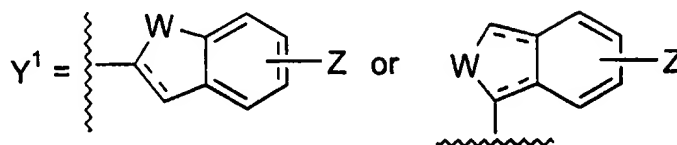
one of A, B = H, the other = halo, OH, acyloxy, alkoxy;

or A-B = O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O or double bonded O;

X = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>O; where q = 1-6; and

Y = a phenyl ring optionally substituted with alkyl, halo, trihalomethyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; or

X-Y = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>Y<sup>1</sup>; where p = 0-6; and



wherein:

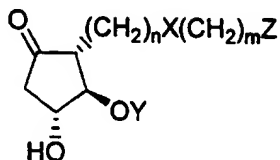
W = CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S(O)<sub>m</sub>, NR<sup>9</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, CH=CH, CH<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>S(O)<sub>m</sub>,  
CH=N, or CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>9</sup>; where m = 0-2, and R<sup>9</sup> = H, alkyl, or acyl;

Z = H, alkyl, alkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, halo, trihalomethyl, amino, alkylamino, acylamino, or hydroxy; and

— = single or double bond; or

X-Y = cyclohexyl or cyclopentyl;

with the proviso that the following compounds be excluded:



wherein:

$Z = \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{CONHR}^1$ , or  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$ ;

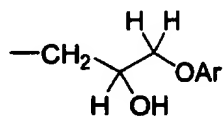
$\text{R}^1 = \text{H}$  or alkyl;

$\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$ , optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_{7-10}$  phenalkyl, and physiologically acceptable salts;

$n = 1$  and  $m = 3$  or  $5$ ; or  $n = 2$  and  $m = 2$  or  $4$ ;

$X = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ , or *cis*- or *trans*- $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$ ;

$Y =$



; and

Ar = a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with alkyl, halo, trihalomethyl, or alkoxy.

15. The compound of claim 14, wherein for formula I:

$\text{R}^1 = \text{CO}_2\text{R}$ , where  $\text{R} = \text{H}$  or  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$n = 0$ ;

$G = CH_2$ ;

$R^2 = R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration, or  $R^2 = O$  (as a carbonyl) and  $R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration or H;

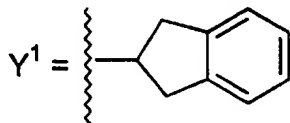
$\text{---} =$  single or non-cumulated double bond;

one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH;

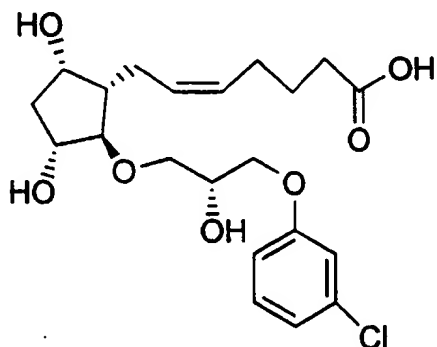
$X = (CH_2)_2$  or  $CH_2O$ ; and

$Y =$  phenyl, optionally substituted with halo or trihalomethyl; or

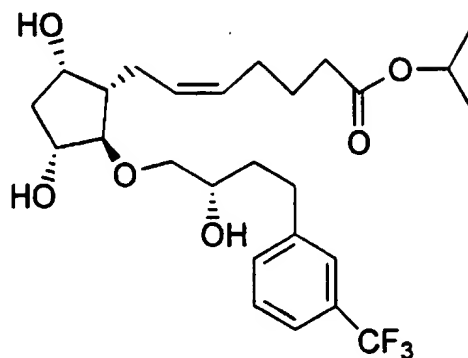
$X-Y = Y^1$ ; where



16. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:

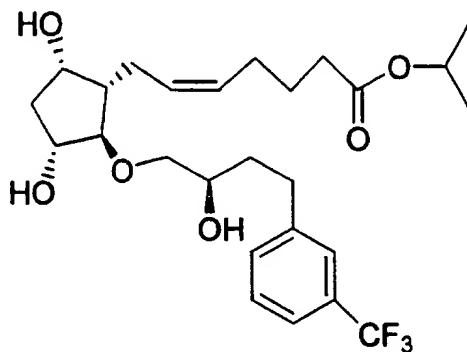


17. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:



18. [Cancelled]

19. The compound of claim 15, having the formula:



20. The compound of claim 14, wherein for formula I:

$R^1 = CO_2R$ , where  $R = H$  or alkyl  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$n = 0$ ;

$G = O$ ;

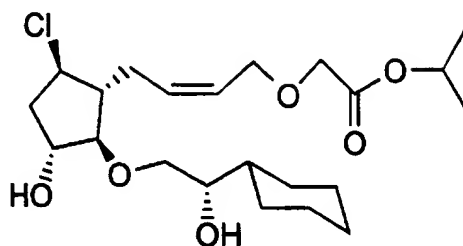
$R^2 = Cl$  in the  $\beta$  configuration, and  $R^3 = OH$  in the  $\alpha$  configuration;

$\text{---}$  = single or double bond, with the proviso that a single bond exists between carbons 4 and 5;

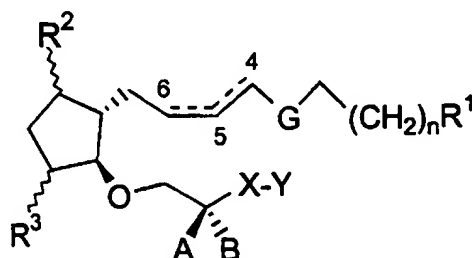
one of A, B = H, the other = halo or OH;

X-Y = cyclohexyl.

21. The compound of claim 20, having the formula:



22. An ophthalmic composition for the treatment of glaucoma and ocular hypertension, comprising a compound of formula I:



I

wherein:

$R^1 = CO_2R, CONR^4R^5, CH_2OR^6, \text{ or } CH_2NR^7R^8$ ; where:

$R = H$  or cationic salt moiety, or  $CO_2R$  forms a pharmaceutically acceptable ester moiety;

$R^4, R^5 = \text{same or different} = H$  or alkyl;  $R^6 = H, \text{ acyl, or alkyl}$ ;

$R^7, R^8 = \text{same or different} = H, \text{ acyl, or alkyl}$ ; with the proviso that if one of  $R^7$ ,

$R^8 = \text{acyl}$ , then the other  $= H$  or alkyl;



**STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19**

The amendments (and in the case of claim 18, its cancellation) are intended to avoid any overlap between the composition of matter claims and the disclosures of the Category X references cited in the International Search Report. Specifically, the amended claims expressly exclude the compounds disclosed in the cited references.

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
  
Although claims 1 to 12 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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